

REMARKS

Claims 14-21 and 25-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 and 22-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled subject matter in one or more related cases. No new matter has been added to the application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not being enabled by the specification. Though Applicants do not agree with the Examiner, in order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claims 22-24 without prejudice rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more related applications.

ALLOWED SUBJECT MATTER


The Examiner has identified allowable subject matter in claims 14-21 and 25-27. The Applicants thank the Examiner and respectfully requested that in light of claims 22-24 being cancelled claims 14-21 and 25-27 are allowed and the present application proceeds to issuance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner allow the current claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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